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<u>AMENDME</u>NT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 25 September 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 10, and 13. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. \$1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

1. (AMENDED) A hydrogen peroxide sterilization indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition disposed thereon, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one \imath colorant selected from the group consisting of Malachite green oxalate, Crystal violet, Methyl > violet 2B, Ethyl violet, New fuchsin, Victoria blue B, Victoria pure blue BO, Toluidine blue O,4 Luxol brilliant green BL, Disperse blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Victoria blue R, Quinea green B, S Thionine, Meldolas blue, Methylene green, Lissamine green B, Alkali blue 6B, Brilliant green, L Spirit soluble HLK BASF, Victoria green S extra, Acid violet 17, Eriochrome black T, 7 Eriochrome blue black B, D & C green no. 2, Spirit soluble fast RR, Spirit soluble fast red 3B, D &